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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
ATKINS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/651,548

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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
PROGRAM FOR MANAGING A USER  
KEY USED TO SIGN A MESSAGE  
FOR A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

§ Attorney Docket No.: RPS920000026US1

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AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 7, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

